

Enniscorthy: Joint 8th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European

A very strong result for Enniscorthy with seven out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade and no heavily littered sites. Examples of top-ranking sites included the pedestrianised Rafter shopping street, Market Square and the lovely Orchard Peace Park – the latter is a relatively new addition to Enniscorthy – a beautiful green space, in a natural setting. General note re: 'Not Around Us' i.e., no smoking at outdoor spaces e.g. promenade / market square / Fair Green.

Bring Facility: Grade A. (Located in a car park, by a sign for Enniscorthy Rugby Club) This small facility consisted for five can / bottle units, very grubby in appearance and two clothing units which were freshly presented. There was no litter to the front / sides of the units, with minimal items to the rear as units were almost flush with the fencing.

R772 Wexford Approach Road: Grade B. The overall impression was of a litter presence, mostly food related items but some obvious plastic wrapping trapped in shrubbery / trees along both sides of the road. Much of the litter appeared 'long-lie' indicating a lack of thorough cleaning for quite some time.

R772 Dublin Direction: Grade A. All was in good order along this route with a virtual absence of litter throughout. The overall impression was a very good one. The area around the picnic table on the right was clear of litter.

Riverwalk / Enniscorthy Promenade: Grade A. A wonderful riverside amenity which was excellent with regard to litter, almost a complete absence on a long stretch of pedestrian pathway, just a few incidents of dog fouling and a couple of food items. 'Not Around Us' no smoking signage at the playground at the beginning of the riverwalk.

Car Park at Abbey Square Shopping Centre: Grade B+. This street level car park just missed the top litter grade - the main surface area was fine with regard to litter but three were noticeable items around the perimeter wall, particularly near the base of the industrial bins. Not much effort is required for the top litter grade.

Rafter Street: Grade A. Attractive paving throughout this pedestrianised shopping street. Apart from cigarette butts trapped at the base of the ornamental trees, the area was excellent with regard to litter. Street bins, bicycle parking and grilles around the trees were all in good order.

Market Square: Grade A. A lovely town centre environment which has been attractively presented and maintained - all aspects within the immediate environs were in very good order e.g., paving, seating, visitor information signage, sculpture etc. Some street bins provided the opportunity to separate waste - a great initiative which is slowly being rolled out throughout the country. Notice asking the public not to smoke in the area.

Fair Green: Grade B. The green space, public parking and surrounding perimeter were surveyed. Anti-smoking signage, 'Not Around Us'; Bins / seating / signage in good order. Occasional food related items but also a pretty full black sack had been deposited beside the public telephone box, bringing down the overall grade. Such items can encourage further dumping.

Orchard Peace Park: Grade A. A relatively new addition to Enniscorthy this lovely space extends from Fairgreen to the town centre. It is beautifully laid out with various memorials, sculptures, seating areas etc. It was excellent with regard to litter. A lovely feature was the 'Pocket Forest'.

R744 Blackwater Approach Road: Grade A. All appeared in good order along this somewhat rural route - the road was well maintained and there were no obvious litter items.